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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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Week Ending: May 5, 1996

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 5, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, cotton, rice sorghum and soybeans. Row crop producers are getting sunshine and dry weather, which will allow crops to be planted. Cattle producers are harvesting cool season grasses. Soil moisture conditions were rated 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus.

	Conditions in Percentages									
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor		,,,,,	Good	
Corn	Planted	94	90	92	81	_	10	42	43	
Com	Emerged	82	70	81	70	2				3
Cotton	Planted	37	4	40	41	~~~				
Rice	Planted	79	58	84	59		2	34	64	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Sorghum	Planted	66	60	61	53		28	55	15	0
	Emerged	50	38	50	40	2				_
Soybeans	Planted	29	24	23	13					
	Emerged	18		17	8					
	Jointing	100	99	100	99		5	32	43	
Wheat	Heading	89	45	97	89	0				20
	Mature	4		2	4					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	25		15				****		
Peanuts	Planted	65	26	57	40			Water and		
Sweet potatoes	Planted	10	8	4	15					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Watermelons	Planted	88	67	73	76	1	4	43	51	1
Blueberries		***************************************				1	33	39	23	4
Cattle						1	11	38	42	8
Pasture						0	8	46	33	13

County Agent Comments

"Rice farmers are flushing fields because ground is drying so rapidly. Wheat conditions are showing little disease pressure. Cotton planting is going well. Corn looks good except where carry over chemicals continue to hang around."

- Don Respess, Bolivar County

"Cotton planting is occurring rapidly. Planting will be complete, if weather holds out, by the weekend. Cotton will be emerging in 4-5 days. Group IV soybeans have emerged and look good. Wheat has headed and has good yield potential."

- Randall Smith, Leflore County

"Farmers were back in the fields planting corn, cotton and preparing land for soybeans. Pastures, hay, and wheat continue to improve. Livestock producers are hoping for higher cattle prices in the near future."

- Dalton Garner, Prentiss County

"Cotton planting resumed Thursday. It won't take long to complete planting. Soybean planting will have to wait for soils to dry and priority crops to be put in."

- Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

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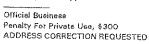
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Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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